दिल्ली नगर निगम के चुनाव

1745. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या **गृह** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली नगर निगम के चुनाव कब तक होने की संभावना है;

(ख) क्या इन चुनावों की तैयारियां की जा रही हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में परिसीमन के आधार क्या हैं तथा अधीन कौन-कौन से क्षेत्र हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰ एम॰ सईद): (क) और (ख) दिल्ली नगर निगम के चुनाव, वार्डों के परिसीमन से संबंधित कार्य के पूरा हो जाने के बाद कराए जाएंगे। परिसीमन आदेश का मसौदा 8.10.93 को प्रकाशित किया गया था, जिसमें जनता से सुझाव और आपत्तियां मांगी गयी थीं। जनता की मांग पर, सुझाव और आपत्तियां प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तारीख 2.12.1993 तक बढ़ा दी गयी थी।

(ग) वार्डों के परिसीमन का कार्य 1991 की जनगणना में यथा प्रकाशित दिल्ली की जनसंख्या के अस्थायी आंकड़ों के आधार पर किया गया है और दिल्ली नगर निगम के क्षेत्राधिकार में पड़ने वाले क्षेत्रों को इसमें शामिल किया गया है।

1746. [Transferred to 23rd December, 1993].

Tainted Lotteries

1747. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Tainted lotteries worry AGs" which appeared in the 'Indian Express', dated 17th November, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Advocates General of Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal & Assam are reported to have expressed their concern over the prevailing corruption in State Lotteries.

The Central Government does not run any lottery of it own. The State Governments have the power to check malpractices in running of lotteries. The Central Government has, however, issued detailed guidelines in the matter to the State Governments.

Resolution passed by All India Kashmiri Pandit Conference

1748. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the following two resolutions passed by the All India Kashmiri Pandit Conference in its session held on October, 2, 1993, at Jammu;

(i) "the displaced Kashmiri Pandits be rehabilitated outside the State at such a place which will be economically viable and socially peaceful to preserve this thousands year old cultural race because Jammu having limited resources could not cater to its needs, till the conditions conducive for our return to our homes with honour and dignity are created".

(ii) "the Government should be the custodian of Kashmiri Pandit migrants' properties. It must ensure protection of these properties from further destruction and loot. It must immediately assess the losses caused by fire, theft and looting. Full compensation at the market rates must be paid immediately to the sufferers".

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to the resolutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b)

specific communication/information regarding the two resolutions passed by the All India Kashmiri Pandits Conference in its session stated to have been held on 2nd October, 1993 at Jammu.

However, representations have been received from migrants/their organisations representing them which have included demands for grant of concessional loans, allotment of shops and sites etc., to enable them to start business activities till they are able to return to the State. Demands for appointing a custodian for their properties have also been made.

Permanent rehabilitation of the migrants outside the Valley is not contemplated. Hence arrangements have been made to provide for their basic needs, by way of cash relief, rations, temporary accommodation and facilities relating to education, banking and insurance etc. As for the properties of the migrants in the valley, the State Government has initiated action to collect details of the same. It is expected that this would facilitate better security, sanction of loans against the said properties, settlement of insurance claims, etc.

As regards compensation for the damaged/looted property under the existing policy of the Government ex-gratia relief in case of immovable property is being paid to the tune of 50% of the extent of damages, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh.

Use of Alcohol as an alternative to Petrol

1749. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of countries using alcohol as an alternative fuel to petrol; and

(b) whether Government would allow the use of alcohol as an alternative fuel to petrol in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As per the information available with this Ministry, alcohol (methanol or ethanol) is being used in petrol driven vehicles in countries like Brazil, New Zealand, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Japan, United States of America, Argentina and Kenya.

(b) The technology of using alcohol in partial or total substitution of petrol is established Based on the availability of surplus methanol as also the test and trials of using a blend of 3% of methanol with petrol (M-3 blend) in petrol powered vehicles, the Government have approved conduct of an experiment of using M-3 blend at 10 retail outlets in the city of Baroda for a period of one year even though financially the project has not been found to be viable. As regards ethanol, its use would depend on its surplus availability on sustained basis and financial viability.

Closing Down of Northern Regional Business in the HQs. by ONGC

1750. SHRI SURESH KALAMADI: SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has initiated a process of closing down its Northern Regional Business Centre Headquarters in Jammu; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) As